THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

First Session of the Fourth Legislative Council under the Government of India Act, 1919.

Thursday, the 6th November 1930.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

I.—TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman appointed by His Excellency the Governor under Rule 3 (2) of the Madras Legislative Council Rules, Mr. Henry Francis Pengelly Hearson, made the prescribed oath of allegiance to the Crown in front of the Secretary and, after bowing to the Presidential Chair, took his seat thereon.

* The hon. the CHAIRMAN:—" Hon. Members will be aware that His Excellency the Governor has, under Rule 3 (2) of the Council Rules, appointed me as Chairman to preside over this Council until a President has been duly elected by the Council and until the approval of His Excellency the Governor to the election has been announced to the Council.

" I have to remind hon. Members that the first business to be done is for them to make the oath required under Rule 24 of the Madras Electoral Rules. Under that rule, every person who is elected or nominated to be a Member of the Council has, before taking his seat, to make, at a meeting of the Council, an oath or affirmation of allegiance in the prescribed form. The hon. Members of the Executive Council being ex-officio Members of the Council, are not required to take the oath under this rule. Forms of the oath or affirmation to be made by the hon. Members will be handed to them by the Secretary as they approach his table for the purpose of making the oath.

" After making the oath, hon. Members will please take their seats in the Council. I must explain that pending the election of the President, except for Members of Government and the hon. the Leader of the Opposition, no seats have yet been reserved. The President who

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is to be elected to-day will, no doubt, in due course, in consultation with the Leaders of the parties concerned, arrange, under Standing Order 25, the allocation of seats. In the meantime, I must ask hon. Members to seat themselves at their convenience.

"I propose first to call upon the hon. the Ministers to make the oath, then the Leader of the Opposition, Dr. Subbarayan, then the ex-Ministers, and then the remaining hon. Members. The Secretary will now call the names of the Members mentioned by me in order."

II.—NEW MEMBERS.

The following Members then made the prescribed oath or affirmation of allegiance to the Crown and took their seats:—

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu.

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan.

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar.

Dr. P. Subbarayan.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar.

* The hon. the Chairman:—"I will now proceed to the swearing in of the rest of the Members and I will ask them to come up in groups of five to take the oath of allegiance. The Secretary will call out the names of five Members at a time and they will then proceed to the Secretary's table and make the prescribed oath or affirmation."

The following other Members then made the prescribed oath or affirmation of allegiance to the Crown and took their seats:—

Abdul Hameed Khan Sahib Bahadur.
11-15 a.m. Moulvi Hafeez Anumanthakudi Mustapha Ahmed Meeran Sahib Bahadur.
Srimathi K. Alamelumangathayarammal.
Mr. S. A. A. Annamalai Chettiyar.
,, V. T. Arasu.
,, H. B. Ari Gowder.
Basheer Ahmed Sayeed Sahib Bahadur.
Mr. C. Basu Dev.
S. M. K. Bayabani Sahib Bahadur.
Mr. Frank Birley.
,, W. M. Browning.
,, P. Bayappa Reddi.
,, Chinnu Pillai alias Nadimuthu Pillai.
,, J. A. Davis.
,, M. Devadasan.
Rai Sahib V. Dharmalingam Pillai.
Mr. S. N. Dorai Raja.
,, K. M. Duraiswami Reddiyar.
Rao Bahadur S. Ellappa Chettiyar.
Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar.
Mr. A. Harischandrudu.
,, Hilton Brown.
,, C. Indrayya.
Rao Bahadur G. Jagannatha Raju.
Mr. H. M. Jagannatham.
,, F. E. James.
Rao Sahib C. Jayaram Nayudu.